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Dr. Robert M. Warner  
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Dear Dr. Warner:

As you know, the new Central Intelligence Agency Information Act requires that I report by 1 June 1985 to the intelligence committees of Congress on the feasibility of conducting systematic review for declassification and release of CIA information of historical value. In preparing this report I am to consult with you, the Librarian of Congress and appropriate representatives of the historical discipline that you select.

I've assigned responsibility for drafting this report to my Chief Historian, Dr. J. Kenneth McDonald, who has worked closely with your staff this past year in arranging the transfer of our OSS records to the National Archives. Dr. McDonald has a principal role in CIA's new Historical Review Program, which will provide for the continuing review, declassification and release of CIA records of historical significance. I've asked Dr. McDonald to call on you, to offer his help (if you wish) in arranging for the representative historians' participation, and to discuss the best way for us to consult with you and your staff in preparing our report to Congress.

I am also writing to Dr. Boorstin about these consultations, and will ask Dr. McDonald to confer with him about the best way to proceed.

I'm grateful for your counsel as we establish CIA's Historical Review Program, which I believe is an important step in our effort to provide historians with useful documentation. Our program's success depends heavily upon the National Archives' advice and help, and your continuing cooperation makes me confident that we shall succeed.

Sincerely,

William J. Casey  
 Director of Central Intelligence

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